

Dear Sir/Maddam,

I am Iraj Rezaie. PHD holder in archaeology from University of Tehran, Iran. My research focuses on the historic period of Iran, especially on the region of central Zagros from the Neo-Assyrian to the Islamic period, topics on which I have published numerous articles. I am so much eager to take up a postdoc research course on Yari religion, a little-known religion whose followers are mainly, living in the west of Iran. Despite the efforts of different scholars in the last two centuries, our knowledge of the various aspects of this religion, especially from an archaeological perspective, is still very limited and incomplete. Recently, in a paper entitled " The Sacred Caves of Yārī Religion in the Region of Gūrān-Qalxānī", which is in print in the Iran journal of the British institute of Persian studies, my colleague and I have, for the first time, attempted to investigate and introduce the sacred caves of Yari in one of the main areas of Yari settlement in the west of Iran. However, due to the extent and dispersion of the Yari settlements in Iran and Iraq, these types of research are still in the early stages, and more comprehensive studies are needed on the old aspects of the material culture related to this religion, such as caves, pilgrimage buildings, cemeteries, etc. In fact, I would like to challenge myself working in a new research field and I believe that with my experimental background and motivation, I could have a valuable contribution. So I would be grateful if you would give me the possibility of a post-doc research position in the Elahé Omidyar Mir-Djalali institute of Iranian studies at the University of Toronto. I have attached my CV for your review and look forward to hearing from you.

Best regards,  
Iraj Rezaei